



PATENT 13DV-13679

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant: Dyson : Group Art Unit: 2173

Serial No.: 09/687,421 : Examiner: Raymond J. Bayerl

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Title: SELECTION OF STATISTICAL TOOL

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows: